

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1129

By Ford

A RESOLUTION recognizing Dr. Gene Lasley.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are especially pleased to recognize those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm over the years to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated evangelist is Dr. Gene Lasley, who for forty-five years, has provided guidance and spiritual inspiration to his fellow man through his wholehearted and dedicated leadership in church and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lasley obtained a Christian education at Bob Jones University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Masters of Christian Education degree, and a Doctor of Humanities; and

WHEREAS, Gene Lasley's illustrious career in the pulpit began at Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church on June 10, 1963, and since that fateful day, he has performed his preaching duties with diligence and dexterity, earning the unbridled admiration and respect from his peers and congregationalists alike for the superior quality of his Christian service and the depth and sincerity of his faith; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lasley has been a powerful and positive influence at Buffalo Ridge and has earned justly-deserved respect for his many years of service to the church; under his guiding hand and capable leadership, Buffalo Ridge has grown by leaps and bounds, numerically, financially, and physically; and

WHEREAS, Gene Lasley's dynamic personality and versatile evangelical style seem to know no bounds, and he has demonstrated his love for God throughout his momentous career

by exalting God's Word through faithful study, reliance on prayer, emphasis on mission work, and the encouragement of these and other tenets of holy living; and

WHEREAS, his open heart, indomitable spirit, and stalwart ethics have endeared him to his congregation as a humble servant of God; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lasley is deeply devoted to his family and always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; he is most appreciative of the affection and support he has received from his loving wife, Ellen, and their daughter, Laurie Long, and two sons, Torrey Lasley and Calvin Lasley; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling his God-given mission by sharing and living according to spiritual principles, Gene Lasley's labors in the Vineyards of the Lord have borne much fruit and are therefore mightily worthy of celebration; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family and friends of Dr. Gene Lasley and the State of Tennessee in honoring his for forty-five years of dedicated and dynamic Christian ministry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.